

Council Member Brooks is committed to improving the quality of life for the residents of the city of Oakland. To that end, since taking office she has dedicated her energies to improving public safety, increasing economic development, improving the physical environment of District 6, advocating on behalf of children and youth, and improving educational opportunities. She is determined to revitalize our neighborhoods and commercial corridors.

Her diverse district stretches from the City's eastern border in the Oakland hills to the 880 freeway and is generally bounded on one side by Redwood Road /Kingsland/Bancroft/ 51st Avenue and on the other side by Keller/82nd/69th. Historically District 6 has not received its fair share of City resources, Council Member Brooks has been adamant about righting this injustice. She is a strong advocate for her constituents.

Council Member Brooks serves on the City of Oakland Public Works and Life Enrichment Committees. She is also a member of the Legislation and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments and a Fellow for Safe Passages, an organization committed to reducing violence in the lives of our children. She is an Advisory Board Member for the College of Natural Resources at the University of California, Berkeley; a Board Member of the Oakland Cross City Campaign, and a Member of the National Board of Directors of the Cross City Campaign.

Council Member Brooks is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana and a transplant to Oakland from Seattle, Washington. Council Member Brooks moved to Oakland in 1989. She has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctorate from Seattle University. She was formerly the Chief of Staff to Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson; a Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice Immigration & Naturalization Service; Assistant District Council with the Department of Housing & Urban Development; Staff Attorney with the Washington State Legislature; and a Public Defender with Northwest Defenders.